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SUBJECT: PROTEST TO FONSEC OVER PRI ATTENDANCE AT  
HAVANA CONFERENCE RE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY

FYI: THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY  
WHICH HAS BEEN POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO FONSEC  
RABASA.

BEGIN TEXT:

SEPTEMBER 19, 1975

DEAR EMILIO:

1. WE KNOW EACH OTHER WELL ENOUGH TO ALLOW ME TO TELL  
YOU FRANKLY OF MY SURPRISE AT RECEIVING A REPORT THAT  
THE SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE PRI AND A MEXICAN  
FEDERAL DEPUTY ATTENDED THE HAVANA CONFERENCE FOR "SOLI-  
DARITY WITH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE." I WAS PARTICULARLY  
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DISTURBED BECAUSE WE HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED OUR STRONG

CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE PRI REPRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI AND TO YOU, AND YOU HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR JOVA THAT WE WERE "NOT TO WORRY" ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

2. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 9, I CHARACTERIZED THE HAVANA MEETING AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT, A TOTALLY UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A SEVERE SETBACK TO THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA. GIVEN THE CLOSE, FRIENDLY, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE PRESENCE AT THE CONFERENCE OF A HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE PRI, WHOSE ATTENDANCE COULD SERVE MERELY TO GIVE MORE PRESTIGE TO CASTRO'S ANTI-US MACHINATIONS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISASSOCIATE THE ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS OF PRI LEADERS FROM THE POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

3. I REALIZE THAT NO GOVERNMENT CAN OR SHOULD TRY TO CONTROL COMPLETELY THE ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENTS OF ALL THE POLITICAL GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT SUPPORT IT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO PREEMPT THE EXTREME LEFT AND "TAKE THE BANNER AWAY FROM THEM." HOWEVER, WHEN PURSUIT OF THIS GOAL ENTAILS SOMETHING MANIFESTLY AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND A WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIED INTERFERENCE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, I BELIEVE IT IS A "BANNER-SNATCHING" EFFORT THAT HAS GONE A LITTLE TOO FAR.

4. THE HAVANA CONFERENCE DID NOT SEEM TO ATTRACT MUCH INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA. ATTENDANCE WAS LIMITED LARGELY TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM SMALL LEFT WING GROUPS; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRI "OBSERVERS." I HOPE THAT IN THE MONTHS TO COME CUBANS WILL COME TO REALIZE THAT THEIR SELF-RIGHTEOUS DESIGNS FOR PUERTO RICO ARE OF LITTLE INTEREST TO RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS IN THE HEMISPHERE, PARTICULARLY TO THE VAST MAJORITY OF PUERTO RICANS WHO HAVE REPEATEDLY VOTED TO MAINTAIN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES IN SPITE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVICE THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM CUBA.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

HIS EXCELLENCY  
EMILIO O. RABASA,

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF MEXICO,  
MEXICO, D.F.

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